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Mr. Mark R. Welch
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RE: Annual Operations and
Progress Report
Escalante Silver Mine - ACT/021/004
Small Fry Mine - ACT/037/022

Dear Mr. Welch:

As you are aware, your company has been approved to operate the above named mine(s) under the 1975 Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Section 40-8-15 of the Act and Rule M-8 require that each operator file with the Division an Annual Operations and Progress Report for each mining operation having an approved mining and reclamation plan. Also, an updated map and plan prepared in accordance with Rule M-3 is required to keep the Division informed of the current status of the operation.

Enclosed you will find a revised MR Form 3 to be completed and returned to the Division, along with an updated map and plan, by January 31, 1981.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.

COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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Enc: Revised MR Form 3

(Annual Operations & Progress Report)